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Title: REAR FACING PART WITH AN EXHAUST GAS PIPE BLEND  
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of these references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

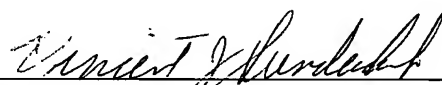
An English abstract summarizing the disclosure of the German patent publications is submitted herewith.

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